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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
GROUP 2665  
PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

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For: A MANAGEMENT METHOD FOR MAINTAINING COMMUNICATIONS OPTIONS  
WITHIN A PRIVATE COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 9, 2005, reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested. Upon entry of this Request, claims 1-8 are pending in the application. Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims define patentable subject matter.

Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mansour et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,058,105; hereafter "Mansour") in view of newly cited Hamami (U.S. Patent No. 5,959,972). Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mansour in view of Hamami and Nakata (U.S. Patent No. 6,452,934). Claims 6-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mansour in view of Hamami and Ko et al.